

August 26, 2010

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and Board member Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Chief Waters; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Supt. Givens; David Wiginton; Lisa Seitz; Kim Kennedy; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There as none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like permission to send some officers to a two day class on pepper ball instruction. He stated the pepper balls are a less lethal option that is available to them. The class will be held in Evansville September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, at a cost of \$395 each – for instructor certification. Board member Higgins asked how man officers he is going to send ?

Chief Beloit replied at least two, maybe three, but no more than three.

Board member Higgins moved permission be given for three officers to attend the pepper ball instruction class in Evansville, September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report questioning security for River Days ?

Board member Higgins replied the city will be paying half and River Days will pay half. She then stated the parade may NOT happen, she should know that shortly. Because of that, she suggested they wait until the meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize security, too many unknowns.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated they are still taking sealed bids on the 1945 fire truck. He added they have done some research and this is the first official gas truck the city ever bought. He stated they will accept bids until September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:0 p.m. and the bids will be opened at the 4:00 p.m. meeting that same day.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the WSI line and force main they discussed at the last meeting, that WSI now wants to use and city wanted a signed waiver on ? They have discovered that the line is still hooked up so there will not be a waiver needed. He added they put the pumps in and it started right up. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.  
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?  
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she has none.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Lisa Seitz and Kim Kennedy with a request to block some streets for their church's annual hog roast.

Ms. Seitz stated the roast will be October 2, but they would like the streets block on the 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and they will reopen them Saturday evening, no later than 8:00 p.m. She added they brought their certificate of insurance with them and the street they will need blocked is Walnut between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Board member Higgins moved the request be granted. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

David Wiginton stated everyone present knows his issue and why he is present. He added he still feels strongly about getting his money back. He understands that in some "legalese" it is the right of the police to compromise, in the name of their duty, an individual's property. A constitutional thing. He assumes there is also something in there about search and seizure. As for the city's insurance carrier, he is sure their only clients are municipalities. The irony of the whole thing is he is being told to sue the 911 caller – someone needs to take responsibility for their actions. A mistake was made. He is a tax payer. The motto "protect and serve" – may be a fine line there that he does not understand. He stated he is the only citizen who has suffered a loss on account of something like this. The Chief is in a bad position. He admitted he nags on the chief all the time and encourages others to do so. He stated he feels he has a legitimate claim and with Attorney Higgins not present today, there will be no action taken. He then stated he is not going away, though he will stay away from the Moving Wall event. He added he has the names and address of all Council people and he will be protesting on their sidewalk. He then stated he wants his money. He asked how often this Board meets ?

Mayor Tucker replied every other Thursday.

Mr. Wiginton stated he will see everyone then.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was anything else for the Board ?

Board member Higgins in reference to the River Days parade, she is not 100% sure if that will happen, low turn out so far, but if it is held in will be on September 11 and they will use the old parade route and end at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. She added it will start at 5:30 so they should maybe block the streets off around 4:30.

Mayor Tucker moved permission to use the city streets, the old parade route, for the River Days parade on September 11 be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Higgins then stated for the River Days Event there will also need to be some streets blocked. She asked that they be closed at noon on September 9 and remain closed until 5:00 p.m. September 12. She added all fire lanes will remain open. The streets will be Water from College to Mulberry; Main from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the riverfront; Walnut from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the riverfront; and Mulberry from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the riverfront.

Mayor Tucker moved permission to close the streets, as stated above, be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Higgins questioned the signage for Carlton Lane at the sewer plant – if there was going to be dedication of any kind.

Supt. Givens replied the signs are up but he would like to pave the street first before any dedication takes place. He added the signs are helping too with the semis looking for SABIC.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

---

John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer